

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 2, 2012. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Linda Marley, Joe Martin, Lou Sotelo, and Amy Viering. Absent: None.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Assistant to the City Manager Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no communications from Visitors.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- A) City Council Minutes of June 18, 2012
- B) Bills and Payroll totaling \$616,884.99
- C) Partial Pay Request #1 for the North Central Regional Detention Basin Project (Phase I) to K & N Excavating in the amount of \$81,747.50
- D) Refer to Plan Commission a petition from Steven Foster to subdivide property at 1231 West Fourth Street

The motion was seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the appointment of Heather Sotelo to the Hospital Board as recommended by Mayor Lee; seconded by Alderman Martin. Mayor Lee noted the passing of Jim Say that opened this position and recognized everything he had done in the community. Voting: Ayes – Aldermen Cox, Elston, Marley, Martin, and Viering. Abstain – Alderman Sotelo. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee recognized Edward Wright, Sally Pennell, Jeanne Depuy, and Ava Lehman as recipients of the Saved by the Safety Belt Awards. These individuals recognize the importance of "buckling up" and are living testimony to the fact that seat belts save lives.

Alderman Martin made a motion to **repeal the City Tree Ordinance and adopt revised Ordinance #2012-07-23 Sterling Tree Ordinance**; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mike Mudge with Rock River Energy Services Company reported bids were received and on the agenda for approval. There are 18 options available with seven excellent bids.

The term and supplier must be determined. Mudge noted the average cost from Commonwealth Edison is 8 cents. Alderman Cox asked if it is mandatory for the City to take the civic contribution. Mudge stated it is not mandatory; those savings can be passed along to citizens. Mudge stated that letters will be sent to citizens with Commonwealth Edison as their supplier. The switch should take approximately six weeks. Citizens should save approximately \$24.41 monthly. There will be two opt-out opportunities. If citizens have another supplier now, they can opt into the community program later. No one will call to ask for an account number with the community program so Mudge recommends that you do not supply that information to callers.

Alderman Viering made a motion to accept First Energy, as the City's electrical aggregation energy supplier, and authorize the Mayor to enter into a two-year contract at the rate of 4.67 cents for residential and 4.69 cents for small commercial; seconded by Alderman Martin. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Viering made a motion to reconsider the bid award for the Street Maintenance Building; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Elston, Marley, Martin, Sotelo, and Viering. Nays – Alderman Cox. Motion carried.

Alderman Martin made a motion to award the low bid for the 2012 Streets Project Contract #2 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$284,954.75. Contract #2 includes the following streets:

- Avenue C – 9th Street to 10th Street
- Avenue D – 10th Street to 11th Street
- Avenue H – 9th Street to 13th Street
- Broadway (west side) – 6th Street to 11th Street

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Alderman Martin asked about the difference in crushed rock costs among contractors. Manager Shumard explained Twin City has access to their own supply which could reduce his costs. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Attorney Coplan explained that the bid award for the Street Maintenance Building had been put on the table for reconsideration and action is necessary. Coplan understands the preference for local contractors and C & C General Contractors anticipates hiring local workers. Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the low bid of C & C General Contractors in the amount of \$143,264 to construct the Street Maintenance Building; seconded by Alderman Viering. Voting: Ayes – Alderman Elston, Marley, Martin, Sotelo, and Viering. Nays – Alderman Cox. Motion carried.

Chief Cook asked everyone to use good judgment in handling fireworks over the Fourth.

Manager Shumard announced that City offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

Alderman Marley invited everyone to attend Amazing Grace's Fourth of July celebration. She left fliers on the table.

Alderman Cox asked what the status is of the roofs with tarps. Superintendent Schmidt reported that 1820 16th Avenue was condemned today.

Mayor Lee wished everyone a safe Fourth and asked them to take leadership roles in our community as our forefathers did when they signed the Declaration of Independence.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Marie Rombouts
City Clerk